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May 1, 2019

John J. Truitt, Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard M.S. 15
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: North Florida Resiliency Connection

Dear Mr. Truitt:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of Leon County regarding Gulf Power's project known as the North Florida Resiliency Connection. The NFRC Project is proposing a 100-plus mile long electric transmission line across seven North Florida Counties, including Leon County. The County understands that the NFRC Project falls under the thresholds provided in the Transmission Line Siting Act, and therefore, there is no formal state process to require public notice or input. Accordingly, the County requests that you accept this letter noting some of the County's environmental concerns as well as a request for public records pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

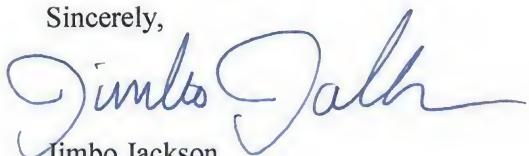
The County is concerned about the NFRC Project's impact on water quality. The County has worked closely with the State, City of Tallahassee, and other stakeholders to develop a Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) to address water quality issues in Leon County and the surrounding areas. Millions of dollars have been spent by the State, the City of Tallahassee and Leon County to reduce pollutants in the surface waters and groundwaters of Leon County. The proposed transmission line route is in a sensitive area of the County and may cause impacts on nearby springs. Accordingly, the County would like more information on the Project's impacts on surface and ground water and karst features.

The County requests any and all public records as follows:

- Applications for permits to construct the NFRC Project;
- Staff reports regarding permit applications for the NFRC Project;
- Issued permits for the NFRC Project;
- Analysis/study of the impact of the NFRC Project on the groundwater, surface water, wetlands, karst features, and/or the likelihood of sinkholes within Leon County;
- Analysis/study of the impact of the NFRC Project on endangered species; and
- Any certificate of necessity or similar certificate that may be required prior to the construction of an electric transmission line.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Jimbo Jackson
Chairman

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